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INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE RENEE JEANS

Q=Det. J. DiPietro

Q1=S/A A. Brown

A=Michelle Renee Jeans

Q1: We were in this room just a couple of days ago.

Q: Yeah.

A: Nah, it was in a room with a window.

Q: A window?

Q1: I think she had a nicer room.

Q: Oh? Maybe I picked the wrong room. All right.

A: It's fine.

Q: I think the air conditioner works better on this side of the floor. That's the most important thing, at least for me.

Q1: Let me turn off my - that was there when I was in here a couple of days ago.

Q: It's a test. It's an internal affairs test...

Q1: Right.

Q: ...to see who's taking the quarter. And I'm not falling for it.

A: Someone with the desk police.

Q: I'm not falling for it. All right. So, what we're going to do, um, Ms. Jeans - can I call you by your first name?

A: Yeah.

Q: My dad would always get upset if people would just call him by his first name

46 without asking permission. So, I'm kinda like...

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48 Q: ...I always - I always ask. (Unintelligible).

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50 A: Nope.

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52 Q: All right. So, let me get this warmed up here. And I'm - this is the -- I want to

53 show you something -- we'll get to that.

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55 A: Sure.

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57 Q: It's a dinosaur so, it takes a while to boot up.

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59 A: I see. I was actually admiring the tug boat 'cause I don't think I've seen one of

60 them in...

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62 Q: Whoa - whoa - whoa - whoa. It's okay - it's okay. She didn't mean it.

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64 Q1: I have one too.

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66 Q: You probably have that and five others.

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68 Q1: I do have others 'cause they all do different things. Like, yeah. Sorry. I can't

69 find one computer that does everything. Right?

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71 A: That's right.

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73 Q: So, I got to ask you a bunch of silly questions.

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75 A: Sure.

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77 Q: Just like I did before. This is really disturbing. I'm not falling for it. Could you

78 spell your last name for me?

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80 A: Yep. It's Jeans -- J-E-A-N-S.

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82 Q: All right. And your first name?

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84 A: Michelle.

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86 Q: Is that with one L or two?

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88 A: Two Ls and an E on the end.

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90 Q: And an E? Okay. And, um, Michelle, what's your middle name?

91
92 A: Renee -- R-E-N-E-E. My God, I don't think I've been asked my middle name
93 in...
94
95 Q: Yeah. I always ask. And your date of birth, Michelle?
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97 A: February 25th '82.
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99 Q: And how old are you?
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101 A: Thirty-five.
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103 Q: All right. And your current address?
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105 A: 7-7-3-3 Rotherham Drive -- R-O-T-H-E-R-H-A-M Drive.
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107 Q: And that's in the lovely...
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109 A: Hanover.
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111 Q: Hanover. Is that a townhouse?
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113 A: Nope. It's a single family.
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115 Q: Single family? Okay.
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117 A: 2-1-0-7-6.
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119 Q: How long you been living there?
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121 A: 2010 - '11. I think '11.
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123 Q: 2010-ish - 2011-ish. I won't hold you to that. And do you have a home phone
124 number there?
125
126 A: I don't.
127
128 Q: No one does anymore.
129
130 A: I know.
131
132 Q: I still have to ask. And your cell?
133
134 A: It's 4-4-3...
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136 Q: Uh-huh.
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138 A: 5-1-4-4-2-6-1.
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140 Q: And you work for the federal government. Correct?
141
142 A: Yeah. You can put DOD.
143
144 Q: DOD? Okay. Is there a number there? Not to say I'll call it.
145
146 A: Oh, my God. If -- I have no idea.
147
148 Q: No. Okay. That's all right. That's all right.
149
150 A: I have two desks, so...
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152 Q: You're that important? Okay. They won't even give me one.
153
154 A: We're just that short-staffed.
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156 Q: Okay. So, how long you been working for the D, the O, and the D?
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158 A: Since '99.
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160 Q: Okay.
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162 A: September of '99.
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164 Q: Okay.
165
166 A: I was a high school work study.
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168 Q: I was just going to say, did they grab you right out of high school?
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170 A: In high school.
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172 Q: In high school.
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174 A: You do it your senior year.
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176 Q: And how does that work with college and all? Do they pay for it?
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178 A: I never went to college.
179
180 Q: Really?

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182 A: So, I, uh, I waited out and I knew it was something I wanted to do long term.
183 And, not having a degree doesn't stop you from advancing...
184
185 Q: Right.
186
187 A: ...unless you want to be a senior, which I don't. Um, so, I didn't want to take
188 the time off. And I'm able to do tons of classes and stuff, so...
189
190 Q: Okay. Good for you.
191
192 Q1: That's how you know you're smart when they get you from high school.
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194 A: They get a lot of people from high school.
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196 Q: They never come knock on my door. I'm just sayin'.
197
198 A: It was a pretty competitive -- it still is. They still do it. So, if you have high
199 schoolers around here...
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201 Q: Now what do they look for - high math?
202
203 A: You have to -- no. In fact, when I did it I was an administrative assistant. So, I
204 just did calendar, you know, Microsoft.
205
206 Q: Okay.
207
208 A: You have to be able to type a certain word per minute. And you have to have a
209 certain GPA.
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211 Q: You're really not selling this to me. I'm expecting like, like, I have to be super
212 student.
213
214 A: No.
215
216 Q: I have to be like a brilliant science major.
217
218 A: That's the great thing. You get your foot in the door and then you can do
219 whatever you want to do.
220
221 Q: Okay.
222
223 A: And they do a lot of the college payment programs.
224
225 Q: Okay. So, if you did go back to school, they'd pay for it?

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227 A: Mm-hm.
228
229 Q: Really?
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231 A: I have some college stuff. I just never got a degree.
232
233 Q: All right. What high school did you go to?
234
235 A: Arundel.
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237 Q: Arundel?
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239 A: Mm-hm.
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241 Q: Wildcat?
242
243 A: Yeah.
244
245 Q: And what year did you graduate?
246
247 A: 2000.
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249 Q: All right. And you said you got some college. Like, is there a particular
250 college you'd go to?
251
252 A: Um, I got some George Mason stuff.
253
254 Q: All right.
255
256 A: Actually, I think that was most if not everything was George Mason.
257
258 Q: All right. Do you know how many credits you have if you had to guess?
259
260 A: Oh, gosh, no idea.
261
262 Q: Okay. I couldn't tell you how many I have.
263
264 A: It was certificate programs. So, I don't know how that works for credits.
265
266 Q: All right. And these are programs - programs. These are questions that I ask
267 that I have to ask everyone.
268
269 A: Yeah. No worries.
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271 Q: Are you currently under the influence of any type of alcohol?
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273 A: No.
274
275 Q: Some people are. That's why I have to ask. One person ruins everyone's fun.
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277 A: It's all right.
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279 Q: Illegal drugs - marijuana, PCP - anything like that?
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281 A: Nope.
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283 Q: Some people say yes.
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285 A: I - hey.
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287 Q: And prescription medications?
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289 A: Nope.
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291 Q: Nope? Okay. And is there anything that your doctor says, Michelle, you
292 should take this. But you don't for whatever reason.
293
294 A: No.
295
296 Q: Okay. And can you read and write the English language?
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298 A: I can.
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300 Q: All right. So, I got all the stupid questions out of the way.
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302 A: No worries.
303
304 Q: Read and write English. I can't do that right now. All right. So, I know you
305 spoke to -- I'm not gonna say her last name 'cause I'm gonna butcher it -- to
306 Detective Heather when all of this happened.
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308 A: Yes.
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310 Q: So, like, we spoke over the phone. Um, we're just looking more into an
311 insight more into Jarrod.
312
313 A: Yeah.
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315 Q: Um, as far as, like, backing up to when he was young. Where did you guys

316 live growing up?
317
318 A: Uh, so, we grew up actually around this area.
319
320 Q: Okay.
321
322 A: So, within 10 miles of this and the police station. Uh, I would say we've spent
323 most of our lives living right here.
324
325 Q: Always in Anne Arundel County?
326
327 A: Well, Jarrod lived in Laurel so that's PG...
328
329 Q: Uh-huh.
330
331 A: ...but yes, we lived in Severn when we were little. I'm not sure where my
332 parents lived when we were, like, little-little. Then Overton was where we
333 lived until, you know, we moved out. We lived in England for a couple of
334 years.
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336 Q: Was that for your mom's work?
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338 A: It was my dad's work.
339
340 Q: Okay. Now did your dad also work for Uncle Sam?
341
342 A: You can read it all over the internet. Yes.
343
344 Q: I haven't. I - I don't Google.
345
346 A: He used to have the, uh...
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348 Q: That's cool. Where in England?
349
350 A: Middleton.
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352 Q: Metalville?
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354 A: Middleton.
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356 Q: Middleton. Oh, I'm sorry.
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358 A: It's North Yorkshire I guess.
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360 Q: How long did you guys spend there?

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362 A: Uh, it was '89 to '92.
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364 Q: Three years?
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366 A: Three years - yeah. Three and a half years. Long enough to make it so that we
367 can never donate blood because of the mad cow disease.
368
369 Q1: I can't either. When I tell people I have mad cow disease - I'm like, I thought
370 it was PMS. It's mad cow.
371
372 A: Right.
373
374 Q: So, like, if you go to England and you, uh - explain this to me.
375
376 Q1: It's tainted meat.
377
378 A: Yeah.
379
380 Q: So...
381
382 A: There was a mad cow outbreak in -- I don't know if it's just U.K. or Europe...
383
384 Q: Okay.
385
386 A: ...for a good chunk of those years.
387
388 Q: Okay.
389
390 A: And, like, mad cow is like a brain eating disease that can, like, stay dormant in
391 you for, like, many, many years. Uh...
392
393 Q: And then it can just wake up one day and...
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395 A: And it can just wake up and eat your brain.
396
397 Q1: Yeah.
398
399 A: So, um, because of that -- and there's no test to see if you have it. Uh, anyone
400 that lived in those areas for certain - certain years -- that being in the middle of
401 it -- can never donate blood, like, ever.
402
403 Q: So, do you have mad cow's disease? Do they know?
404
405 A: I hope not.

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407 Q: I mean, do they test you for it? How does...
408
409 A: No. There's no test for it.
410
411 Q: So, you just wake up one day and feel like your head hurts?
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413 A: I assume - I assume that it eats your brain. I mean, it makes you crazy.
414
415 Q: Like...
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417 A: It's kind of weird I guess. But it's what we're talking about.
418
419 Q: Okay.
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421 A: I don't know anything about what it does.
422
423 Q: Okay.
424
425 A: I just know that, uh...
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427 Q1: Slight dementia - just - yeah.
428
429 Q: Okay.
430
431 A: All I know is that I'll never be able to donate blood.
432
433 Q: Now, does that go for your whole family?
434
435 A: Yeah.
436
437 Q: None of you guys can give blood?
438
439 A: Nope.
440
441 Q: Okay. All right.
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443 A: I think they said they can use our blood for testing but it can never be, like, in
444 the recipient stream. So, my blood can never be given to a person.
445
446 Q: Interesting. I haven't been to England nor am I going to now.
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448 A: Yep.
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450 Q: Thank you for sharing.

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452 A: I think Germany was even on the list too because I think there's a lot of
453 military that can't.
454
455 Q1: I - I was in the military during that timeframe. I was over in Germany from
456 '91 to '93 or '4. So, yeah.
457
458 A: Yep. I think six months - if you spent six months in one place.
459
460 Q: Okay. Hm.
461
462 A: At least that's what the Red Cross has said.
463
464 Q: No - no blood for you. No giving blood for you I should say. Okay. So, you
465 guys lived over there in England. Um, how old were you about when - when
466 that was?
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468 A: Nine - 9 to 12.
469
470 Q1: Yeah.
471
472 Q: So, it just -- she wasn't here, so, you're younger by three years?
473
474 A: Mm-hm.
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476 Q: So, you'd be 9 and he would be about 12-ish?
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478 A: Yeah. I'm a February. He was born in December of '79.
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480 Q: December.
481
482 A: Yeah.
483
484 Q: Yeah. Okay. So, when growing up over there, I mean, would he get in trouble
485 at all? Would he - what are the type of things he would do?
486
487 A: No. I mean, uh, I felt like, you know, growing up when I was little, like,
488 everything was normal. We had a normal family, you know. We did family
489 trips all the time - castles and stuff.
490
491 Q: Okay.
492
493 A: Uh, I mean, he had a friend over there, like - and I say that now because after
494 knowing him later, like, he didn't have friends. But he had a friend over there.
495 Um, but like, I mean, the way the bases were back then when I was a kid - you

496 could run around and do whatever. I mean, he never got in any trouble.
497
498 Q: Okay. So, this friend that you talked about - did he keep in touch with this
499 friend at all or not?
500
501 A: I don't think so.
502
503 Q: Okay. Do you know the friend's name?
504
505 A: I think his name's Russell.
506
507 Q: Russell?
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509 A: But I don't remem...
510
511 Q: Was he also U.S. - a U.S., like, military?
512
513 A: Yeah. He would have been one of the other people's - their kids.
514
515 Q: All right. So, what are the types of things he and Russell would do?
516
517 A: Uh, he did bowling leagues, uh, you know, they have the little rec center and
518 stuff. Video games - that was always a thing.
519
520 Q: Okay.
521
522 A: Old Nintendo - super Nintendo - yeah, like that.
523
524 Q: I had the Atari.
525
526 Q1: I did too.
527
528 A: We had Atari.
529
530 Q: It's coming back. I'm telling you. I always tell people - that and 8-tracks are
531 coming back.
532
533 A: Yeah, Now it's all on remotes that you just plug in.
534
535 Q: Yeah.
536
537 A: Um, I mean, he's always, like, into technology things. You know, like, my
538 dad had a computer over there. And that was '89 - '92. And, like, most
539 families didn't have computers. So, you know, we had computers pretty -
540 pretty young.

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542 Q: A Commodore 64?
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544 A: No. He had Gateways back when Gateway was a thing.
545
546 Q: Where the screen was green? You remember?
547
548 A: Yeah. Those were the old ones for schools.
549
550 Q: Yeah. That's what I had.
551
552 A: Um...
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554 Q: I thought I was the man with that. I'm like, look at this thing. This thing is
555 bad.
556
557 A: Yeah - we would just, uh, you know, we would always participate in the stuff
558 going on base. You know, the Easter egg hunts and we'd do that stuff. And, I
559 mean, to me, though, that all felt pretty normal.
560
561 Q: Okay. So, he, so, when you talk about technology-wise - between your dad
562 and your mom who's more tech-y?
563
564 A: Definitely my dad.
565
566 Q: Your dad? Okay. You're laughing. Mom's not that techy?
567
568 A: N-No.
569
570 Q: Okay. All right. So, um, you guys were over in England. He's got this friend
571 named Russell. Did he have any other friends? Did he ever have, like, any
572 girlfriends or anything like that?
573
574 A: No. I mean, it, like, later in high school. 'Cause that would have been middle
575 school for him. 'Cause we came back. We could have stayed a little longer.
576 We came back because he was getting ready to start high school. And he
577 would have had to have gone to a U.K. school. So, instead of staying and
578 having to go to a British school, you know, my parents opted to come home
579 and let him go to school here.
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581 Q: What's wrong with a British school?
582
583 A: Nothing - nothing's wrong with the schools. It's just a weird - it would be
584 weird to adapt from going to U.S. schools.
585

586 Q1: Yeah.
587
588 A: You have U.S. history and their math curriculum is different. Um...
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590 Q: Accent's different.
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592 A: ...to all a sudden start - yeah -- high school in a U.K. system.
593
594 Q: Okay.
595
596 A: And he would have had to live off base. It would really...
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598 Q: Oh, really?
599
600 A: Yeah. 'Cause our base we had an American school...
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602 Q: Okay.
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604 A: ...that went up to middle school.
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606 Q: And then once -- if you stay you go - you go with. off-base?
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608 A: Yes.
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610 Q: So, you and your family opted to come back after that? That would have been
611 about what year - if you remember?
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613 A: That was in '92 - yeah.
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615 Q: '92?
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617 A: Yep.
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619 Q: Okay. And where did you guys go to when you got back?
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621 A: I think we moved back into our old house in Chapelgate.
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623 Q: Chapelgate? Okay.
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625 A: Because we were part of Chapelgate when Chapelgate was cool.
626
627 Q: It's cool. You got to think inside Chapelgate.
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629 A: I don't think it's cool anymore. Chapelgate is not really how I remembered
630 growing up.

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632 Q: Things have - things have changed. You're right. Do you remember the
633 address? If you don't it's okay.
634
635 A: Uh, I can't. I have no idea.
636
637 Q: Don't worry about it. So, um, what - how did he feel about going -- tell me,
638 did he like being over in England?
639
640 A: Yeah. I mean, we were at an age where I think it was really cool being in
641 England. 'Cause, like I said, we always did stuff. And there was always cool
642 stuff to see. Um, I think it was, I mean, I remember for me it was hard coming
643 back. Uh, and I - I don't really remember anything specific. But if I had to
644 guess it was probably hard on him coming back too.
645
646 Q: Okay.
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648 A: But...
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650 Q: So, do you think if they - if your parents had left it up to him - hey, this is all
651 you. Do you want to stay or do you want to go? What do you think he would
652 have said?
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654 A: I don't know.
655
656 Q: You don't know? If it was up to you what would you have said?
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658 A: I mean, at 12...
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660 Q: Be selfish.
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662 A: I - I know when I came back I was really upset, you know.
663
664 Q: Okay.
665
666 A: I had really gotten attached to everything there.
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668 Q: Okay.
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670 A: And, um, but I think that's normal, you know, when you're a kid and you
671 don't want to move and your parents move. Like, you automatically don't
672 want to move.
673
674 Q: Right.
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676 A: Um, so...
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678 Q: Okay. So, you guys come back. And then, um, he starts high school. Now did
679 he ever get in any fights at this point at all?
680
681 A: No.
682
683 Q: Disagreements with people? Um, any girlfriends - any good friends at this
684 point?
685
686 A: No. Um, you know, and I don't know for - for what this means. But, like, I
687 read some of the stuff in the newspaper that they've all gone out and tried to
688 interview people that knew him in high school. And, um, like - like, I
689 absolutely agree that he was quiet and alone and intelligent like me. He has
690 always - since he was a - a small child been the smart one. I mean, you know,
691 like, what he lacked in understanding, like, emotional intelligence...
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693 Q: Mm-hm.
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695 A: ...he understood the intellectual side of things.
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697 Q: So, he's book smart? That's how I say it. I've got a son who's book smart. He
698 has no common sense though.
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700 A: He was very engineering smart - yeah.
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702 Q: Okay.
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704 A: And, um, so I think there was one thing I read where, uh, a girl said something
705 like, he made a comment about her breasts or something like that. And I was
706 really surprised to read that. Because, to me, that -- all of the things that I read
707 sounded like him - except for that. Like, I just -- he wasn't the type to cause
708 confrontation. In fact, if anything he - he was like - like, afraid of getting hurt
709 all the time. Like, from when he was a little kid. Like, uh, I mean, not to say
710 that he couldn't, uh, you know, say things that were kind of mean or anything.
711 But...
712
713 Q: Right.
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715 A: ...uh, I don't ever remember hearing or seeing anything about him being even
716 in arguments at school. Like - yeah.
717
718 Q: Okay. So, he, so when you say he's afraid to get hurt - like, I guess the best
719 way to say it - like, emotionally. Like, he wouldn't say something to someone
720 that's gonna cause them to say something nasty back? Or...

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722 A: Uh, no.
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724 Q: What, like physically?
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726 A: More physically.
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728 Q: Okay.
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730 A: Um, you know, and that was one of the really surprising things to me about
731 what happened.
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733 Q: Right.
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735 A: I mean, as a little kid he was afraid of being hurt, you know. Like, I was the
736 one that was running around skinning my knees and stuff. And he was the one
737 that was just always extra careful. And, like, you know, when we get older
738 and we had driver's licenses. I was the one that was doing the stupid things.
739 And he was the one driving around -- at 17-years-old getting his driver's
740 license - driving around like an old lady. Like, I mean, that's the way he was.
741 Like, he was not interested in doing exciting things, you know, like.
742
743 Q: Would he ever do anything that he hadn't, like, planned on? Was he very
744 regimented in what he did? Or did he just kinda go with the flow as a kid?
745 You know what I mean? Like, uh...
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747 A: Yeah. Um...
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749 Q: Like, my son is very regimented. He has to have, like, his little schedule - so
750 to speak.
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752 A: I wouldn't say he was regimented. Like, he wasn't -- I don't think he had a - a
753 big palette of what he was really into. Um, but I wouldn't say he was
754 regimented. Like, if plans changed, I feel like I was the one that was more
755 upset by that than, like, he was.
756
757 Q: Okay. Gotcha. All right. So, going up through high school. How was his
758 grades?
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760 A: You know, my dad did this thing where he would pay us based on our report
761 cards. He got straight As, like, all the time.
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763 Q: My dad did the same thing.
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765 A: I know. I was always...

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767 Q: A dollar for an A and then a quarter for a B.
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769 A: It was a hundred dollars if you got straight As.
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771 Q: Really?
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773 A: And he got, like, a hundred dollars every time. Yeah. I did not.
774
775 Q: Wow.
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777 Q1: Me either.
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779 Q: Man, I did not.
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781 A: Yeah. I mean...
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783 Q: (Unintelligible).
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785 A: I couldn't tell you what his GPA is or was but I mean, I'm sure he didn't get
786 straight As every single time but it would be pretty close enough. Like...
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788 Q: Okay.
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790 A: Um, you asked about, like, friends and girlfriends and stuff.
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792 Q: Right.
793
794 A: I can't think of any friends he had. Like, uh, there was, um, I think, this was
795 right after high school. Um, I think - I'm honestly not sure. But there was
796 some girl that he had met and I think he met her like at a concert or something
797 or something related to concerts. So, I can remember that was, like, a thing.
798
799 Q: Mm-hm.
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801 A: And, um, like, I think she came over to the house once or twice. And I don't
802 know like what - what all happened there. Like, I - I remember there was a
803 point where Jarrod told me about it because this girl meant a lot to him. Um,
804 but I really don't remember, like, what all the situation was. I think she's older
805 than him and they, like, met. And she was either married or, like, in a
806 relationship. And there was, like, drama there. And then she was -- I don't
807 know -- liked Jarrod and he liked her. And then, I guess, she got back together
808 with her relationship or husband or something.
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810 Q: Okay.

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812 A: Yeah.
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814 Q: About how old was he when that happened?
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816 A: I'm trying to remember where I was living when that happened. Um, he was
817 probably a senior in high school when that happened.
818
819 Q: Okay.
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821 Q1: When did he drop out of high school?
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823 A: He never dropped out of high school.
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825 Q1: Oh.
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827 A: No, he graduated.
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829 Q1: He graduated from high school?
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831 A: Oh, it was college that he - he stopped.
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833 Q1: Okay.
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835 A: So - yeah. Do you want me to go on to that?
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837 Q1: No.
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839 Q: Well, was his graduation from Anne Arundel?
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841 A: Mm-hm.
842
843 Q1: Okay.
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845 Q: You remember what year?
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847 A: Uh, I guess '97.
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849 Q: '97.
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851 A: He was able to drive me my first year - my junior - my freshman year. So...
852
853 Q: Okay.
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855 A: So, I know we had at least one-year overlap.

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857 Q: So, while he was in high school, you know, up until he graduated -- besides
858 this one girl -- you remember anything about her - her name?
859
860 A: No. I don't think I saw her.
861
862 Q: Okay. All right.
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864 A: I think my parents saw her.
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866 Q: Okay.
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868 A: And I asked them if they remembered who she was and no.
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870 Q: No one remembers? Okay. So, when she - did she break up? I guess she broke
871 it off with him if she went back with this other guy. How did he react to that?
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873 A: Um, so I think he reacted, like, I don't know how he reacted at the time
874 because...
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876 Q: Mm-hm.
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878 A: ...I - we weren't -we became much closer after, like, I graduated high school
879 and stuff. I mean, at that time I was 15 - 14.
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881 Q: Freshman year.
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883 A: We weren't exactly on, like, confiding terms at that point. Um, but I
884 remember later he told me about her. And that would have been -- I don't
885 know -- about, like, in the mid-2000s...
886
887 Q: Okay.
888
889 A: ...that he told me about her. And, like, he - he talked about her fondly, like, uh,
890 like, she had meant a lot to him.
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892 Q: Hm.
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894 A: Um, so I don't know how he reacted at the time. I mean, he wasn't like - like,
895 he wasn't telling me -- and I don't remember everything he was saying. But
896 what I don remember is kinda how I - I interpreted the conversation. And
897 that's how I remember it...
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899 Q: Okay.
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901 A: ...is that he was - he was telling me about how he felt about this woman, like.
902
903 Q: Gotcha.
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905 A: And not in a, like, I was so pissed off or so angry. It wasn't like that.
906
907 Q: Okay. Whoever she was meant a lot. Okay. Do you know, um, if you know,
908 has he, um, tried to contact her, like, before all this happened? Do they still
909 speak occasionally? Or...
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911 A: I don't think so. I mean, I don't know.
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913 Q: Okay. Just what you know. If you know - you know. If you don't - you don't.
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915 A: Yeah.
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917 Q: What about -- besides this girl -- any other females that you think of to the
918 point of, like, when he graduated high school?
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920 A: That would be - the only time that I heard about any other girl was when he
921 told me about first contacting (Laurie).
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923 Q: Okay.
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925 A: That was it.
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927 Q: That was it. So...
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929 A: And even that wasn't a relationship, like.
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931 Q: Did he ever indicate, like, going through high school -- I mean, did - I mean, I
932 know you're younger. But (Laurie) - did you know her - know of her?
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934 A: No. I think she was his grade or older.
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936 Q: Yeah. Did he ever - going through high school - talk about her?
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938 A: No.
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940 Q: Yeah. No. Okay. All right.
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942 A: I mean, he was not - he never -- well looking back - I don't ever remember.
943 You know, I had boyfriends - I had friends. Like I said - I did the stupid
944 things. He, uh, never seemed to have friends. Like, he was real close to my
945 grandparents at the time. And, um, yeah, like I don't remember. There was

946 work and there was school - whatever.
947
948 Q: Did he work during this time frame in high school?
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950 A: Uh, maybe not in high school. But he definitely was working in - after high
951 school.
952
953 Q: Okay. So, he graduates high school. What does he do then?
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955 A: Um, he always had, like, techy type jobs. Like I know he - he did something
956 with, like, the Y2K bug thing back when everyone was hiring a bunch of
957 people to come in.
958
959 Q: Yeah.
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961 A: He did stuff with that. Uh, I think that was, like, the Ellicott City - something.
962 Ellicott City government related - he was doing their computers.
963
964 Q: Okay.
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966 A: Um, I'm trying to think what else.
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968 Q1: Did he intern with the agency too? Or...
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970 A: He did.
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972 Q1: He did?
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974 A: Yeah. He actually did a work study program as well.
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976 Q1: Okay.
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978 A: But he didn't stay on with them. I stayed on and he...
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980 Q1: Didn't.
981
982 A: ...didn't want to.
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984 Q: It just wasn't his cup of tea? But he did the work study work too?
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986 A: Yeah.
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988 Q: Okay. We call it NS and the A.
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990 Q1: The agency.

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992 Q: So, um, now when he worked there at NSA did he - that was during high
993 school?
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995 A: Yeah.
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997 Q: Like...
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999 A: It would have been his senior year.
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1001 Q: Senior year? Now did he stay on pass graduation or did he quit prior to?
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1003 A: I mean, I think the program you stay on a little bit pass graduation.
1004
1005 Q: Mm-hm.
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1007 A: Like, it has a - it's an internship basically. Like, you have a start and a stop
1008 date going into it. And then at the end of that date you could - if somebody
1009 wanted to hire you at the time then they could. But otherwise your internship
1010 was over.
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1012 Q: Do you know if he got offered a job?
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1014 A: I don't but he probably would have.
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1016 Q: Okay.
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1018 A: I mean, he was always, like, very impressive with - with anything that he did.
1019 Like, I did the adminis- you could do two paths I think. Like, and
1020 administrative is one - is what I did. And he did, uh, like an engineering
1021 internship. So, he was doing more tech...
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1023 Q: He was doing more...
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1025 A: ...tech stuff - yeah.
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1027 Q: Okay. So, he doesn't like the NSA thing. You mentioned he worked at
1028 something to do with Ellicott City government doing the Y2K stuff.
1029
1030 A: Yeah.
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1032 Q: He goes into high sch- not high school - college. Tell us about that.
1033
1034 A: Yeah. So, he, um, he started doing Capitol College.
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1036 Q: Mm-hm.
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1038 A: I guess now they have a different name or something. Um...
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1040 Q1: Is that close?
1041
1042 A: It's in Laurel - yeah. Well, I think it's Laurel. It's in PG county in that whole
1043 area.
1044
1045 Q: Oh?
1046
1047 A: Yeah. So, he started going there and, uh, I think - I think we went for an
1048 orientation day or something. Like, everybody went - like, our family. Um,
1049 'cause I kinda remember going and seeing the facility. Uh, but I mean, he
1050 went to school and, uh, he did that until my grandmother died.
1051
1052 Q: How long was that if you had to estimate?
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1054 A: Uh, I think he was, like, a year or something shy of getting his diploma.
1055
1056 Q: Okay. Was that a two-year or four-year school? Do you know?
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1058 A: I would assume a four-year school maybe.
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1060 Q: That's all right. And what was his major? What was he doing?
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1062 A: I think engineering.
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1064 Q: Engineering?
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1066 A: Yeah.
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1068 Q: How were his grades?
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1070 A: I don't know but I assume excellent.
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1072 Q: Okay. So, he wasn't like, um, people went to school -- like, I partied when I
1073 went to college. So, I got put on academic probation for partying. So, you
1074 guys didn't get any phone calls like that from his schools?
1075
1076 A: No. I do remember he had, like, a really awesome scholarship. Like, they
1077 paid, like, most of his school.
1078
1079 Q: Okay. Do you know when he was going to the school -- did he have any
1080 friends - any girlfriends - anything like that?

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1082 A: I mean, if he did I never heard anything about it.
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1084 Q: All right. And while he was going to the school, um, did he still live with you
1085 guys or was he staying on campus or how does that work?
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1087 A: So, he never stayed on campus. Uh, so, I moved out my parents' place with
1088 my ex right after high school. So, I moved out, like, the year 2000.
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1090 Q: Okay.
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1092 A: Um, so I had this crappy little apartment.
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1094 Q: But it was yours.
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1096 A: It was mine. And, um, uh, my parents were going through their divorce at the
1097 time. Uh, well they were split up. You know, there was a period when they
1098 were apart and...
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1100 Q: Right.
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1102 A: ...they try to get back together again then they lived apart. Um, so my mom
1103 lived in the house. This was different - not Chapel.
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1105 Q: Not Chapel Gate?
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1107 A: This was on Vacation Drive.
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1109 Q: Vacation Drive? Okay.
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1111 A: It was 8-11 Vacation Drive.
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1113 Q: Okay.
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1115 A: Right - right where, uh, um, Waugh Chapel Elementary is.
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1117 Q: Mm-hm.
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1119 A: That community they built right on the school.
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1121 Q: Yeah. Okay.
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1123 A: Um, that was where we moved when we came back from England after we - I
1124 think our house was being built. And then they sold the Chapel Gate house
1125 and we moved into that when it was done.

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1127 Q: Okay.
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1129 A: Um, so he was living there. My mom was living there as well. My dad I think
1130 - I'm not sure where he was living. 'Cause he lived with his mom for a little
1131 bit. Then they were trying to figure out stuff.
1132
1133 Q: Right.
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1135 A: Then he had an apartment. But Jarrod was living there the whole time. It was,
1136 uh, guess what they call split-level where you walk in the house and there's
1137 downstairs and upstairs.
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1139 Q: Mm-hm.
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1141 A: And he lived in, like, a little downstairs bedroom. My mom lived upstairs, so.
1142 You know, they were kind of had their separate lives. And, uh, yeah, he lived
1143 there.
1144
1145 Q: Okay. No problems or anything with him or mom? They weren't fighting?
1146
1147 A: No. I mean, the only fight that I can even remember is when he moved out
1148 which was, uh, which would have been later. That was after my grandmother
1149 died. So, to his school, like, he stayed there and went to school - worked on
1150 his degree. Um, until my grandmother died and that would have been, uh -
1151 this is my mom's mother. So, that was probably 2000 - I think it might have
1152 been early 2001.
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1154 Q: Okay. Was he close with Grandma?
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1156 A: Oh, yeah.
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1158 Q: Okay.
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1160 A: Yeah.
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1162 Q: Now did she live with your mom and him as well?
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1164 A: No. They had a place in Provinces.
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1166 Q: Okay.
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1168 A: My - my two grandparents - yeah.
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1170 Q: So, did - when - when Grandma passed - did -did his behavior change at all?

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1172 A: Absolutely. That was a - a very, very, very significant thing for him...
1173
1174 Q: Okay.
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1176 A: ...when she died. Um, I mean, their relationship was just really close, you
1177 know. Um, I mean, you know, Jarrod was my mom - my parent's first kid.
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1179 Q: Mm-hm.
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1181 A: And -- like I say -- he was always so smart - like, always. Um, so they just had
1182 this very close relationship, you know. Like, um, like he almost acted like she
1183 was more like a mother than like a grandmother to him -- if that kind of makes
1184 sense...
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1186 Q: Mm-hm.
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1188 A: ...of what it was like. Um, you know, my grandparents were very loving to
1189 both of us. Um, but they just had...
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1191 Q: Gotcha.
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1193 A: ...a special relationship.
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1195 Q: Special bond. Okay.
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1197 A: So, when she died, um, yeah, he took that really, really hard. And, um, he
1198 started evaluating his life at that point. And he, um, he had come to the
1199 conclusion that, like, he was on a path of - of what he felt like everyone
1200 wanted him to be on.
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1202 Q: Mm-hm.
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1204 A: That he was supposed to have, you know, that he was supposed to use his
1205 intelligence and he was supposed to get a good job and he was supposed to
1206 just make lots of money. You know, like, that was supposed to be the path.
1207
1208 Q: That's the goal.
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1210 A: Yeah. Which is a very old school mentality, you know. Like, um, uh, and
1211 that's kind of what he felt like he was doing with his life. Was not what he
1212 wanted to do but what everyone else wanted him to do. So, he, um, he stopped
1213 going to - pursuing his degree. And he walked the Appalachian Trail.
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1215 Q: Okay.

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1217 A: And that was, you know, soul searching.
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1219 Q: The whole trail?
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1221 A: Whole trail. He did it opposite too. He did Maine to Georgia and all.
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1223 Q: Wow.
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1225 Q1: Wow.
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1227 Q: How long did that take him?
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1229 A: Nine months. So, usually it takes people, I guess, four or five months.
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1231 Q: Yeah.
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1233 A: Remember I told him about him being, like, super careful all the time. So,
1234 nine months. Um...
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1236 Q: Did he go with anyone?
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1238 A: No. He did it by himself. Uh, and, um, I mean, we as a family - it was me and
1239 my dad went to go see him in Pennsylvania when he was going through there.
1240 I remember it was Waynesburg, Pennsylvania - we stopped and say him. And
1241 then, uh, I think when he was done he got on a bus and I picked him up from
1242 the bus station.
1243
1244 Q: Okay. All right.
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1246 A: Yep. Maine to Georgia.
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1248 Q1: So, did he camp out the whole time or did he...
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1250 A: Yeah. So, there's, um, I mean, he had all of his gear. He was very meticulous
1251 about what he - how he did things, you know. Kind of OCD-ish, you know.
1252 He would scale everything and weigh it. I don't know if you've ever known
1253 those obsessive type of people.
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1255 Q: I work with them.
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1257 A: Where they're like, oh, if I cut off the handle I save two grams.
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1259 Q: Yeah, like a lot.
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1261 A: Um, so, he was like that and he had his pack and, I mean, when he wasn't at a
1262 town, he had his setup and he would stay there. You know, along the way they
1263 had a lot of -- I guess what do you call them -- little hostels whatever where
1264 they, like, take care of the come-through hikers - the hikers that are going
1265 through the area. Um, you know, you can go and have a free room and a place
1266 to shower and stuff. And someone will feed you food and stuff. So, he would
1267 do that, like.
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1269 Q1: Did he tell stories about it?
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1271 A: He did - yeah.
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1273 Q1: Did he keep a journal or anything like that?
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1275 A: I don't know about a journal. Uh, he told, I mean, I think it was, like, the
1276 happiest time of his life.
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1278 Q1: Okay.
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1280 A: Like, he just...
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1282 Q1: Everything was really positive when he talked about it?
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1284 A: Yeah.
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1286 Q: How often would he communicate with you guys while he was doing it?
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1288 A: Um, he sent a couple of postcards.
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1290 Q: Okay. Did he have, I mean, we're going back a few years.
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1292 A: Yeah.
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1294 Q: This wasn't quite the age of the cell phone.
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1296 A: Yeah. No, he didn't...
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1298 Q: Would you guys talk or...
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1300 A: No. He was, uh, he was always, like, kinda weird about technology. Like, just,
1301 you made me laugh about having a landline. Like, that was the only way I
1302 could get in touch with him, um, was his landline phone or e-mail. Like, he
1303 didn't believe in cell phones. Like, he thought that kind of technology was,
1304 like, ruining people.
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1306 Q: Well, he's right about that. So, he never had a cell phone?
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1308 A: No.
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1310 Q: Okay.
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1312 A: I mean, I don't know what happened the day of if he had a cell phone there.
1313 But, um...
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1315 Q: We'll get to that in a little bit.
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1317 A: Yeah. So, but, I mean, up -- the whole time I knew him he never - never had a
1318 cell phone. Was never interested in it which was super frustrating. Because,
1319 like, you know...
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1321 Q: Well, normally being a techy would be, like, okay, this could happen.
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1323 A: So, it got kinda weird because, um, you know, even on the trail he said
1324 everyone gets nicknames. His nickname was Gizmo because he had all these
1325 little things. Um, and, um, but yeah when he got back from the trail, um, I
1326 don't - I don't remember like, kind of the timeframe, like, what happened.
1327 But, like, he got home and I don't think he was interested in going back and
1328 getting his degree just yet. Um, but I'm not saying he - he was like giving up
1329 on it.
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1331 Q: Right.
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1333 A: I just think he wasn't interested in it at the time. Um, and that was -- I don't
1334 remember how much longer -- this probably would be like 2003 or '04 -- that,
1335 um, uh, my parents were selling the house. You know, their divorce was - was
1336 going through. Probably more 2003.
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1338 Q: Okay.
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1340 A: Um, they were getting to that point and the house was getting sold and , you
1341 know, they were moving out. Jarrod was still there. And I don't know what
1342 Jarrod's plan was but, um this is where the one fight comes in to play. And
1343 this is the first time that I can ever recall him doing something that was just,
1344 like, way extreme, like, how I would think a normal person would act. Um,
1345 'cause I even get the going and finding yourself type thing.
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1347 Q: Mm-hm.
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1349 A: Um, but, uh, my mother was getting utilities turned off in the house. And I
1350 don't remember exactly what happened but his internet - it was like DSL at

1351 the time, you know. His internet got shut off when my mom was turning off
1352 utilities. And he felt like she did that on purpose, you know, just to be mean to
1353 him.
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1355 Q: Mm-hm.
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1357 A: Uh, and I don't remember, like, them having a, like, bad relationship in the
1358 house.
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1360 Q: Right.
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1362 A: I - I bet he probably does. Um, and, uh, when that internet got shut off, like,
1363 that was - that was the end of their relationship. I mean, he called me up and at
1364 the time I was living with my ex in Lake Village Townhomes.
1365
1366 Q: Okay.
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1368 A: He called me up and, uh, and he moved in with us.
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1370 Q: Okay.
1371
1372 A: And, like, never spoke to my mom again.
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1374 Q: So that was 2003 - 2004-ish? Okay.
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1376 A: Maybe even earlier - might have been earlier than that. Because that was - that
1377 was 2001 that he did the hike. Um, you know what -- my grandmother may
1378 have died in 2000. Because he didn't live with me in 2001.
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1380 Q: Mm-hm.
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1382 A: I'm just, you know, I'm trying to line this with things.
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1384 Q: Don't stress yourself out over exact dates. That's fine.
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1386 A: But he moved in whenever that house got sold - that 811 Vacation Drive -
1387 that's when he moved in with me and my ex.
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1389 Q: And how was he when he moved in with you guys?
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1391 A: He was okay. Um, I mean, I say okay but he was the way that he was, you
1392 know. Like, he, uh, you know, he was never quite normal the way that other
1393 people were. At least when he got older. You know, like when he was a little
1394 kid, like - like, I remember us doing tons of things together. Um, and him
1395 being just fine, you know. Uh, but he was - never had friends, you know. He

1396 just, uh, but he wasn't like, he wasn't like you'd expect out of someone who
1397 never has friends. Like, you know, my friends would come over and he
1398 would, like, come down. It's not like he would hide from people. But he
1399 would come down and talk to us and then when he was done talking to us he
1400 would go upstairs, you know. Like, it's just like it wasn't a thing that he
1401 needed.

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1403 Q: Right.

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1405 A: Um, so, I mean, I had friends and, you know, ex was there and, I mean, he just
1406 did his thing.

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1408 Q: Did he ever - was he working at this time? Did he work?

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1410 A: You know, I don't even remember what he did at the time. Like...

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1412 Q: I mean, was he paying rent or were you just being a good sister and saying...

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1414 A: No. I had, uh, you know, 'cause I moved out so young and so dumb. I had - he
1415 had put stuff on his credit card for me at a time.

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1417 Q: Okay.

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1419 A: So, what we were doing was like, okay, I'm paying the rent. You stay with us.

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1421 Q: Gotcha.

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1423 A: That'll be our wiping that debt clean.

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1425 Q: Okay.

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1427 A: So, that's what we did. I don't think he ever paid rent living with us.

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1429 Q: So, in a typical day when he was staying with you -- if you know -- what are
1430 some of the things - I know you said you can't remember if he was working at
1431 that point. But what are some of the things he would do? Like, on an average
1432 day, I mean.

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1434 A: I mean - I mean mostly he just stayed in his room.

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1436 Q: Okay. Was he - would he play video games - watch TV - read books?

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1438 A: Yep.

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1440 Q: All those?

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1442 A: All those things. I mean, he, uh, he liked books. He had a computer. Um, he
1443 liked video games. You know, video games then weren't what they are now,
1444 you know. Like, we'd play Super Mario Cart. Like, that was...
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1446 Q: That was...
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1448 A: Those were the games we had.
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1450 Q: That was the main game right there.
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1452 A: Yeah.
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1454 Q: Space Invaders.
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1456 A: I think we had a GameCube. You remember those?
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1458 Q: Yes.
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1460 A: That was, I think, the thing then.
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1462 Q: Sega Genesis - all that stuff.
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1464 A: We never had Segas. But, uh, but yeah. I mean, I would probably only see
1465 him, uh, like - like, he wouldn't, like, come out and hang out with us, you
1466 know.
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1468 Q: Mm-hm.
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1470 A: Like, if he was coming downstairs to make mac and cheese, you know, I'd see
1471 him. We'd talk or if I wanted to talk about something - I could knock on his
1472 door and talk to him about it. But, like...
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1474 Q: Would he keep the door open or closed most of the time?
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1476 A: Probably closed.
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1478 Q: Closed?
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1480 A: Yeah.
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1482 Q: All right. So, how long did he stay with you?
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1484 A: Until, um, my ex and I split up.
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1486 Q: If you had to guess - when was that?
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1488 A: That would have been in 2004.
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1490 Q: You seem pretty sure about that?
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1492 A: Yeah. I was overseas.
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1494 Q: Okay. So, where did he go from that point?
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1496 A: That's when he moved into his Laurel...
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1498 Q: His Laurel?
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1500 A: ...one.
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1502 Q: Okay. He's been there ever since?
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1504 A: So, the cat - the cat was actually my cat...
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1506 Q: Okay.
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1508 A: ...that my ex and I had gotten when we were living together there. Uh, and
1509 then when we split up, you know, Jarrod - the cat and Jarrod had clearly
1510 bonded. So, he took the cat.
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1512 Q: Okay.
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1514 Q1: Did you get the cat when he was living with you or before he came in?
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1516 A: I'm pretty sure he was living with us when we got him.
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1518 Q1: Living with you. Kitten?
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1520 A: That's what he called her. Kitten.
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1522 Q: Kitten? Okay. Did you have a name for him?
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1524 A: I think her name might have been Tiger but...
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1526 Q: But he called her Kitten.
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1528 A: Yeah. You know, like, uh, I mean, like, watching him interact with, like, an
1529 animal, right.
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1531 Q: Mm-hm.
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1533 A: Right? Like, he would do the baby talk and he was, you know, super gentle
1534 and super sweet. And, like, he - he loved this cat. And we had a rabbit before
1535 that we got in England. We even brought it back with us. Um, and it was the
1536 same thing, you know, like, just super gentle and sweet and affectionate to
1537 these animals.
1538
1539 Q: Okay. So, you give him - we'll call him Tiger. Is it him or her?
1540
1541 A: A girl.
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1543 Q: A girl. Call her Tiger. Um, when he moves into Laurel apartment did he ever
1544 live with anyone in the Laurel apartment?
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1546 A: No.
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1548 Q: No?
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1550 A: I mean, I couldn't say with 100% certainty, but I would be shocked if...
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1552 Q: Okay.
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1554 ((Crosstalk))
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1556 A: ...anyone else was ever in that apartment.
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1558 Q: Okay. All right. So, I'm gonna ask you a list of names.
1559
1560 A: Yeah.
1561
1562 Q: Tell me if you've ever heard of 'em - first names. Okay. So, (Casper)?
1563
1564 A: (Casper). No.
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1566 Q: Um, sorry (Jivon)?
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1568 A: (Jivon)?
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1570 Q: Mm-hm.
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1572 A: No.
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1574 Q: (Wendy)?
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1576 A: No.
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1578 Q: Uh, (Makea)?
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1580 Q1: (Malika).
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1582 Q: Oh, I'm sorry - (Malika).
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1584 A: (Malika). No.
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1586 Q: Do you know if he was friendly at all with any of his neighbors, like, good
1587 friends? You know, sometimes apartment complex -- they very often have
1588 buds. No? Okay.
1589
1590 A: Um, I mean, you know, again, I know we talked about how unreliable
1591 newspapers are. But, like, um, like, I know one person said that he lived there
1592 for a year. But he'd lived there since 2004.
1593
1594 Q: Nah, he'd lived there a while.
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1596 A: Like, they just, like, never saw him. I mean, he -- like I said -- it was like -
1597 like, it was like I was saying about my friend. It's like, I mean, I would go
1598 over there sometimes. Like, I'm familiar with his apartment.
1599
1600 Q: Right.
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1602 A: And, um, like, if we saw people he would be polite and be nice. And - and he
1603 didn't have, like, eye contact problems. Like - like, people think with
1604 somebody like that. Like, he...
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1606 Q: Like, some people always...
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1608 A: Yeah. Like, he wasn't like - like, it didn't seem hard for him to talk to people.
1609 It just seemed like he didn't need it, you know.
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1611 Q: Okay.
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1613 A: If that makes sense.
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1615 Q: Yeah. I see what you mean. What about (Lauren)? Did you ever hear the name
1616 (Lauren) before?
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1618 A: Not (Laurie) but (Laruen)?
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1620 Q: Could be (Laurie) - (Lauren)?

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1622 A: I mean, (Laurie) was the girl that he...
1623
1624 Q: Right.
1625
1626 A: ...reached out to.
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1628 Q: Right. But (Lauren) - does that name ring a bell at all?
1629
1630 A: No.
1631
1632 Q: Besides (Laurie)?
1633
1634 A: No.
1635
1636 Q: Okay. So, when he was living there it was just him and - and - and - and Tiger
1637 -- was he working at all at this point?
1638
1639 A: Uh, so, he had a job when he first got into his apartment. And I don't know
1640 what that was. Probably something computer tech-y thing.
1641
1642 Q: Mm-hm.
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1644 A: 'Cause he was still with - even though he didn't get his degree yet that was
1645 still...
1646
1647 ((Crosstalk))
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1649 Q: Yep.
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1651 A: So, he did that. And then, um, I think his contract ended. Like, he didn't get
1652 fired or anything. I think it just rotated out and he had to find another job.
1653
1654 Q: Okay.
1655
1656 A: And, um, this would have been 2006.
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1658 Q: Okay.
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1660 A: So, he was being very particular about his next job, you know. And that's
1661 when he started borrowing money from - from people.
1662
1663 Q: Okay.
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1665 A: So, I know he borrowed money from my dad. I don't know how much. But he

1666 paid back my dad. Um, he may have gotten some money from my grandpa. I
1667 don't know.
1668
1669 Q: Okay. Did he ever loan money from you or...
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1671 A: Yeah.
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1673 Q: How much do you think you loaned him?
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1675 A: He owed me \$8000.00.
1676
1677 Q: Okay. Did he ever pay you back?
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1679 A: No.
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1681 Q: Okay. Did he ever make payments at all?
1682
1683 A: No. No, I mean, that's...
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1685 Q: I know that was your brother, so...
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1687 A: Yeah. So, I mean, that was when I was doing deployments, so I had the
1688 money. You know, I was free from my divorce and, you know, like, I could
1689 do that for him.
1690
1691 Q: Gotcha.
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1693 A: Because he - his life always was hard for him just to, like, be.
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1695 Q: Okay.
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1697 A: Like, he, you know, like, he - it was just hard.
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1699 Q: Okay. Gotcha.
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1701 A: Like, he would talk about, you know, being unhappy about things. And not
1702 really understanding why. He was just...
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1704 Q: So, what are some of the things he'd be unhappy about?
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1706 A: I mean, I can - I can definitely say more specifically about when it got to the
1707 case.
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1709 Q: Right.
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1711 A: But, like, and maybe back then in, like, 2005 -- this is part of me and how I
1712 perceived him -- but I just couldn't imagine how somebody could - could be
1713 happy living his life the way he did.

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1715 Q: Mm.

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1717 A: You know, like, I always took the opinion, you know, that he did things
1718 differently but as long as he was happy...

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1720 Q: Right.

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1722 A: ...you know, who cares if he lives in his little studio apartment and has no
1723 friends. It's like, the whole point of life is to do what makes you happy.

1724
1725 Q: Right.

1726
1727 A: You know, so, that's why I didn't have a problem lending him money
1728 because, um, you know, for me, like, it was always easier to just kind of
1729 adapt. And for him it was hard. And it meant a lot for him to have a job that
1730 meant something to him. Like, he wasn't the type that was just gonna work at
1731 McDonalds and...

1732
1733 Q: Right.

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1735 A: ...you know. And he was always very true to his word. Like, he said that he
1736 would pay me back. And, you know, there was never any doubt in my mind
1737 he would. So...

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1739 Q: You loaned him the money?

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1741 A: Yep.

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1743 Q: Okay.

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1745 A: But he started having fights with, like, family members about that time. Like,
1746 he got in a big fight with my grandfather, you know. That's my mom's father.

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1748 Q: Okay.

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1750 A: Because it was something like that, like, my grandfather made some comment
1751 to him about, you know, I'll give you money if you cut your hair and do
1752 whatever. That was like super offensive to my brother. To the point where he
1753 disowned my grandfather, you know. And I think he may have seen him a
1754 couple times before he died after that.

1755

1756 Q: Okay. So, it sounds like - like with your mom and your grandfather - it sounds
1757 like if he gets angry at someone he just severs all ties and doesn't - can't get
1758 over it. Would that be fair and accurate?
1759
1760 A: Absolutely - yeah.
1761
1762 Q: Okay. All right. But he never - you never upset him like that did you?
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1764 A: Well, I mean, I tried not to. Like...
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1766 Q: Right. But he never said, you know, that -- did he ever give you the cold
1767 shoulder for a long period of time?
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1769 A: Oh, yeah. Well at the end - yeah.
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1771 Q: Okay.
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1773 A: I mean, you know, there was one time where he told me that, like, I was one
1774 of the only people who had never, like, hurt him. Um, you know, like,
1775 eventually my dad would do something. And - and it was always silly things
1776 that normal people would just get over.
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1778 Q: Right.
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1780 A: But he just - he just couldn't. Um, yeah.
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1782 Q: What is it that your dad did? Oh, my gosh, I'm sorry.
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1784 A: Um, invited him over on a day that he knew that he couldn't come over.
1785 Because Jarrod worked and at that point in his life he was all weird sleep
1786 schedule where he slept at - during the day and was awake at night.
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1788 Q: That because of his job or just because?
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1790 A: I think it was, um, his preference and his job. Like, he took that job, I think,
1791 because he liked that.
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1793 Q: Because he liked the hours - the overnight?
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1795 A: I mean, he says that he was diagnosed with narcolepsy at some point. And that
1796 that was part of his sleep schedule thing. But...
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1798 Q: All right. So...
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1800 ((Crosstalk))

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1802 Q: No, go ahead. I'm sorry.
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1804 A: I was just trying to think how I went somewhere - I went to that...
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1806 Q: I know. That was kinda my fault.
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1808 Q1: Um, why he might have cut you off at some point. Like, was there any fight or
1809 anything that stands out in your mind as a reason?
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1811 A: No. I mean, I can tell you what it was like the last time I saw him. Um, so, at
1812 this point in my life I'm married and I have step-children and stuff. Um, you
1813 know, my life is a lot different than it was in the early 2000s. And, um, you
1814 know, usually holidays we figure out are we having the kids - are they going
1815 with mom. You know, what's going on. And, um, I guess this was
1816 Thanksgiving 2014. You know, I've really been trying to figure out when was
1817 the last time I saw him. And - and, uh, Thanksgiving 2014 or it might have
1818 been Christmas 2014 -he went to my mom's house.
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1820 Q: Mm-hm.
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1822 A: Um, and I didn't go to that. I was doing something else. And, um, I don't
1823 know. He had made some kind of comment about the money he owed me.
1824 Because I - I never bothered about it. Like, I had forgotten that he owed me
1825 money for a long time. And the thing I always told him was that, you know,
1826 like - like, you take care of the things that you need to take care of.
1827
1828 Q: Mm-hm.
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1830 A: You know, he had credit card debt for a long time. He was chopping away at
1831 that. It was, like, okay. You take care of whatever you need and you pay me
1832 back when you are in a position where you can pay me back.
1833
1834 Q: Mm-hm.
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1836 A: Like, don't prioritize paying me back over any of your other obligations.
1837 Because, again, you know, like, it was 2004 - '6 that I lent him that money.
1838 Like, whatever. Um, but, uh, so I think my mom had asked him something
1839 about it, like, you still haven't paid back Michelle. And he made some
1840 comment that was like, kind of -- and I don't know if this was how he
1841 intended or just how my mom perceived it. But it was kind of like, well, I
1842 have the money. She just hasn't asked for it back. Like, that's what he said to
1843 her.
1844
1845 Q: Mm-hm.

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1847 A: According to her. Well, give her a telephone because she told my dad who
1848 told me. And then I was like, what the hell. Like, you know, I've been letting
1849 him do this and - and for all this time. Like, that's kind of a jerk move.
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1851 Q: Right.
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1853 A: Um, so, I remember it was early 2015 was the last time I saw him. Um, and I
1854 think I was in the middle of offices and I was taking some time off. And he
1855 came over to my house and we were hanging out. And, um, I mean, that was
1856 one of the things I mentioned to him. And I wasn't - didn't yell at him -
1857 wasn't mean to him. But I just said, you know, like, they told me about that.
1858 And it's kind of like a jerk move. And he was like, you know, I can pay you
1859 back if you want. I was like, same thing, no just take care of yourself. It's
1860 kinda...
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1862 Q: Mm-hm. Did he get mad in any kinda way?
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1864 A: No. When I - when I mentioned it to him 'cause again I was being calm.
1865 'Cause I'm very conscious about, like, I was always afraid, like, when is the
1866 thing - when am I going to do the thing that makes him disown me. 'Cause at
1867 that point it was, like, everybody. Everyone he had disowned except for me.
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1869 Q1: So, on eggshells with him, like, that was it?
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1871 A: Yeah - oh, yeah. Um, so, you know, I was always very conscious about not
1872 hurting his feelings because his feelings were pretty...
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1874 Q: Mm-hm.
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1876 A: ...pretty delicate. Um, so, I mean, no. When I said something to him he kinda
1877 like smirked about it. You know, like a little kid who's kinda been caught.
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1879 Q: Right.
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1881 A: Like, probably more because somebody told on what he said, you know. Um,
1882 but that was, like, it. You know, the rest of the evening I don't remember what
1883 we did. We watched a movie or we just hung out which is mostly what we
1884 would just do. And then we -- you know, I remember telling him how
1885 concerned I was about what he was gonna do with his court stuff. Because this
1886 stuff had been, like, his entire life. Like, you could see his life go from him
1887 having hobbies and things he cared about to just this court stuff. It just
1888 became, like, the only thing that mattered to him, you know. I mean, it was
1889 like - like if you put it on a chart it's like his life went like this. And this is just
1890 court stuff. I mean, that was it.

1891

1892 Q: Okay.

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1894 A: Um, and I was so worried about all of that - what was gonna happen. 'Cause
1895 he was doing his appeal at the time. W-What was gonna happen after that?
1896 Because this had been his whole life.

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1898 Q: Because that's it. It ends at that point.

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1900 A: Yeah. Like, there's no more legal options. So, and I remember telling him,
1901 like, I was worried about what he was gonna do.

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1903 Q: What did he say to that?

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1905 A: I don't think he said anything. If he did say something it wasn't anything that
1906 was worth remembering. But I remember also talking about my dad because,
1907 you know, my dad was heartbroken that he had not been talking to him or
1908 Mother. And, you know, I said to him that my dad wanted to start, you know,
1909 my dad wanted to try and work on this relationship.

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1911 Q: Mm.

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1913 A: And, you know, Jarrod just said that he was just 100% focused on his court
1914 stuff. And that, like, he didn't have even the mental capacity to devote to even
1915 trying to do anything about that with my dad.

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1917 Q: Why do you think that was? I mean, is he the type of person that can just
1918 focus on one thing at a time? Or was it just -- do you think it was something
1919 else?

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1921 A: I mean, he can. Like, it's not like he - I - I think this thing just took over his
1922 life. I mean, he was going to an Annapolis and, like, teaching himself law.
1923 Well, teaching himself law, you know.

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1925 Q: Mm-hm. Like, going to the law library and reading stuff?

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1927 A: Yeah. He was going to, um, I don't know if there's a legal library or
1928 something in Annapolis.

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1930 Q: There is.

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1932 A: I think he was going there, like, all the time when he was doing his case
1933 because, you know, even though he had a lawyer that he was talking do and,
1934 like, occasionally worked with him. Um, like, he was doing this all.

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1936 Q: Did he ever talk to you why he got rid of his lawyers?
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1938 A: Um, I don't think, like, the - I think he had a lawyer when the initial
1939 harassment thing happened.
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1941 Q: Mm-hm.
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1943 A: But I don't think that was - I don't think -- that was before this whole thing
1944 seemed to take over his life.
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1946 Q: Right.
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1948 A: Like, I don't think he thought about it the same way. Like, um, like, of course
1949 we'll never know. But, like, I don't know what would have happened if that
1950 newspaper article was never written.
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1952 Q: Right.
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1954 A: Um, like, I feel like he would have moved on. Like - like, he did a bad thing.
1955 This goes with his weird honesty. Like, he pled guilty. He went and he pled
1956 guilty and he, you know, like, I had an issue with a guy from overseas who
1957 was bothering me. And I even remember talking to Jarrod about it. And, you
1958 know, he was giving me pointers about what I needed to say to him. And, you
1959 know...
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1961 Q: Was this while he was dealing with his situation?
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1963 A: No.
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1965 Q: Okay.
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1967 A: Because I remember, like, telling him, like, you know, I've been on the other
1968 side of this. And, like...
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1970 Q: Why do you think he attached on her so much?
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1972 A: Well, I think, and I mean, this is just...
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1974 Q: Just...
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1976 A: ...my own...
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1978 Q: Yeah.
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1980 A: ...thoughts.

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1982 Q: Your own thoughts - yeah.
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1984 A: From what I've been able to - 'cause we were really close at that time. Like, I
1985 feel like he - he never really understood people - friends - connections, you
1986 know. And I feel like something inside him told him that he should have
1987 connections with people. He should have a relationship, you know. Um, you
1988 know, he told me at the time that he was a virgin and that, you know, reaching
1989 out to (Laurie) was, you know, he was interested in that too. Like, um, and,
1990 uh, I think, uh, he didn't know how to handle it. Um, you know, he had no
1991 experience talking to a girl, you know, especially a girl that he was trying to
1992 have a relationship with or something. Um, and I mean, at the end of the day,
1993 like, I know what he told me about her - whatever - I don't know what the
1994 ground truth of all that is. Um, but you know, like she had her issues. She was
1995 apparently bi-polar and dealing with medication issues and...
1996
1997 Q: Mm-hm.
1998
1999 A: ...alcohol problems and stuff. And, I mean, it sounded to me like two people
2000 that have messed up issues in their lives that were talking about stuff.
2001
2002 Q: Okay. So, did he just want, I mean, he wanted a romantic relationship with
2003 her?
2004
2005 A: Well...
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2007 Q: From what he...
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2009 A: I don't think that was, I mean, he told me at one point that he thinks that was
2010 one of the motivations for him reaching out.
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2012 Q: Mm-hm.
2013
2014 A: Um, but I don't know if he understood why he was pursuing people. But I was
2015 really surprised when he told me that he was on Facebook, like, messaging
2016 people. Like, that didn't sound like the person who didn't seek out friends.
2017 And, you know, I'd invite him out with my friends and he just wouldn't come
2018 out. You know, yeah - it's not because he doesn't seem like...
2019
2020 Q: He just doesn't...
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2022 A: ...cares. And he doesn't want to. Like, um, so, I don't know. I mean, I -- he
2023 didn't tell me about it until she was already charging him with the harassment.
2024 Like, he was getting into that thing. Um, and you know, of course he had a lot
2025 to say about what - what he thought about all of that - what he felt was true

2026 and what wasn't. Um, but, I mean, at the end of the day, like, he was telling
2027 me that he was making her, like, be responsible for her actions. That's why he
2028 said he was doing things, like, calling her work. And I remember the analogy
2029 that he told me was that, like, if, uh, if you were - saw someone leaving a bar
2030 and they were drunk and they were getting into their car. Aren't you - isn't the
2031 right thing to do to call the police. Like, that's what he felt like. That he was --
2032 but the reality is he probably, I mean, he - she rejected him. And, I mean, he
2033 never really talked about that part of it. But...

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2035 Q: So, if you know -- how did the whole article thing even come up. I mean, did -
2036 did - did the newspaper ever try come out and talk to him about his side? Or...

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2038 A: Yeah. Um, so, my understanding -- and this is all from what he's told me.

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2040 Q: Right.

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2042 A: Is that Eric Hartley was at the courthouse when he pled guilty...

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2044 Q: Mm-hm.

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2046 A: ...to harassment. Um, you know, and he had a lot of ideas about whatever
2047 relationship Eric Hartley and (Laurie) had - whether it was just sees the
2048 newspaper or she was just somebody going through a case. But I guess he was
2049 there and wanted to write this article and, uh, and did.

2050
2051 Q: It's like every day in court people are convicted of harassment and much
2052 worse things.

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2054 A: I know.

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2056 Q: What's the one thing that drew Eric Hartley to write about your brother? I
2057 mean, maybe it was he was just there - coincidence, I mean.

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2059 A: I don't think it was a coincidence. And I think he was there specifically to
2060 write about him. Like, one of the things that Jarrod said is he would go and get
2061 transcripts and the recordings for the courthouse. I guess they do that for
2062 everything?

2063
2064 Q: They do.

2065
2066 A: So, he would, um, you know, pay for those. And, like, they would always
2067 record, like, a little bit before and a little bit after...

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2069 Q: Mm-hm.

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2071 A: ...the actual court. So, he would get things from that. And he, you know, saw
2072 some or heard something that he believed after that case where they were all
2073 excited about talking to this reporter. So, I - I don't know. I mean, I don't
2074 remember him ever -- I mean, at one point I think he thought that they had a
2075 personal relationship - that they could have been dating or something like that.
2076
2077 Q: Mm-hm.
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2079 A: I don't know. But...
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2081 Q: Okay.
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2083 A: Um...
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2085 Q: So, there was nothing that you ever did that, like - like, with your dad and
2086 your - your grandfather and - and - and your mom that angered him to the
2087 point that he just wouldn't talk anymore. Is there a particular reason why you
2088 just hadn't talked to him since early 2015?
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2090 A: I mean, I tried.
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2092 Q: Okay. What'd you do? Like, would you call - stop by?
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2094 A: So, um, because it was pretty clear that he was -- like, especially that
2095 comment he made about needing his brain power. So, that was 2016 that his -
2096 his appeal happened - early 2016. So, now you're talking about a year later.
2097 Right? And I have no idea how many times I reached out over there. Um, but I
2098 remember seeing that appeal summary of whatever they said and, like, yeah --
2099 just never heard anything. You know, we used to look at that Twitter page he
2100 had. Like, that was kind of how my dad and I could make sure he was still
2101 alive.
2102
2103 Q: Okay. Gotcha. When you say Twitter - which one 'cause he had a few. Which
2104 one are you referring to?
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2106 A: That Eric Hartley one.
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2108 Q: The Eric Hartley one? Okay.
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2110 A: I mean, I only knew about that one.
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2112 Q: Right.
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2114 A: And I think that judge one he may have made earlier. I don't remember. But
2115 that Eric Hartley one was the main one.

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2117 Q: Okay.
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2119 A: Um, and I mean, after the appeal, like, he posted and that was it. Um, you
2120 know, every time that I was around Laurel I would drive by and see his car.
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2122 Q: Did you ever knock on his door?
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2124 A: So, I couldn't because...
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2126 Q: Oh, because it's...
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2128 A: ...at some point since the last time I had been there -- I tried one time. And
2129 they had put a buzzer alarm.
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2131 Q: Yeah.
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2133 A: But, you know, this is like, the (unintelligible) thing, like. He just got this
2134 weird ass schedule. And I had - he had those windows right there. Like, I
2135 thought I could knock on those windows. I would call and leave voicemails.
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2137 Q: So, a question we have to ask.
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2139 A: Mm-hm.
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2141 Q: Have you received any mail from him?
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2143 A: No.
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2145 Q: Has your parents that you're aware of? Anyone else besides what you read in
2146 the...
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2148 A: No. Yeah. I was kinda, you know, it's - it's -- before I even heard about the
2149 letters I was actually half expecting to maybe get a letter from him. And
2150 then...
2151
2152 Q: And no phone calls or anything like that obviously? No one trying to reach
2153 out?
2154
2155 A: No. I mean, if anyone calls my cell phone now and they don't leave a
2156 voicemail then they get added to my spam list.
2157
2158 Q: Okay. I'll make a note to myself to always leave...
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2160 A: Yeah. You left a voicemail.

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2162 Q: So, I'm good, huh?
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2164 A: If you hadn't you would be on my spam list.
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2166 Q: I would have been spam?
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2168 A: You would have never been able to get through again.
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2170 Q1: I didn't know you could do that.
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2172 A: You just make a spam contact. Well, I have an iPhone so...
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2174 Q1: Okay.
2175
2176 Q: So, one of the things that we kind of need your help on, um...
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2178 A: Yeah.
2179
2180 Q: ...is trying to understand as best as you can do. Um, and one of the things - so,
2181 I wanna just boot this up. I want you to listen to something and just tell me if
2182 you recognize anything. But give me a second 'cause my dinosaur's got to
2183 warm up here.
2184
2185 A: Is this a recording of him?
2186
2187 Q: It's a recording and I just want you to hear it and tell me if you recognize
2188 anything in the recording. And you tell me. I mean...
2189
2190 A: Okay.
2191
2192 Q: There you go. It takes a minute.
2193
2194 Q1: Uh, while we're waiting - a quick question on - on how he handles conflict
2195 resolutions. If you guys ever had an argument or -- sometimes when you're
2196 roommates people just get on your nerves. How would he handle that?
2197
2198 A: I mean...
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2200 Q1: Did he get quiet?
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2202 A: ...he was never violent.
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2204 Q1: Would he, like, just walk out of the room and not talk to you for a while or...
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2206 A: I mean, I always tried to never offend him because, you know, I mean, I
2207 would - I would be the one that would get quiet if he did something. You
2208 know, and I wouldn't do things that upset him. Um, you know, I - like, I can't
2209 even remember him, like in air actually me getting, like, upset. I mean, he
2210 wasn't - at the time - the kind that would slam the door and like - like, leave.
2211 Um, I, uh, yeah - he wasn't even the kind that would, like, yell. He would just
2212 speak very naturally and, you know...
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2214 Q1: And then cut you off.
2215
2216 A: Yeah. I mean, you know, like, him and my dad they would go through a lot in
2217 an e-mail and it was like, um, he would just, like, you know - I don't think this
2218 is fixable, like, you inviting me over knowing I can't be there. You know, just,
2219 you know...
2220
2221 Q: Did he ever get diagnosed for that? Did he ever see a psychologist that you're
2222 aware of or did he ever say anything?
2223
2224 A: So, I know he went to therapists. I know he went to a number. I thought he
2225 had a court ordered psychologist after the harassment. At some point he...
2226
2227 Q: He saw someone?
2228
2229 A: ...had a court order something. 'Cause he told me it was - no, that was his
2230 parole officer - Stephen Colbert's brother. He told me about that. He was his
2231 parole person.
2232
2233 Q: Okay.
2234
2235 A: Um, but he did have people he went to.
2236
2237 Q: Did he ever say they diagnosed him with anything?
2238
2239 A: I remember he told me that, I think, he had done, like, a, I guess, a HIPPA
2240 request to get...
2241
2242 Q: Mm-hm.
2243
2244 A: ...your records from places. And, um, this -- I don't remember which one or
2245 when it was -- but at some point in his lawsuit somewhere, like, one of the
2246 therapists or psychologists -- I'm not sure which -- like, said that he could be a
2247 psychopath. And he told me that. He, like, explained how it was wrong. Like,
2248 you know, that he couldn't be that. Now I don't remember what he did.
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2250 Q: What point was that about when you guys had that if you had to guess? Was it

2251 during the newspaper stuff or before?
2252
2253 A: It would definitely be during because...
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2255 Q: It was during because...
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2257 A: Um, I mean, if I had to guess I would say toward the later part of it.
2258
2259 Q: Okay.
2260
2261 A: So, I don't know. I mean, I last talked to him in early 2015 and late 2014. So,
2262 probably '13 - '12.
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2264 Q: '12 - '13-ish? Okay.
2265
2266 Q1: Um, growing up did you guys ever, like, when you did camp, like, go
2267 camping as a family or -- I know your dad was in the military. Did you ever
2268 fire guns or do anything like that?
2269
2270 A: No - no. I, uh, I'm frankly shocked that he -- I mean, like, I did because I
2271 deployed and had training. But, like...
2272
2273 Q1: He never showed an interest?
2274
2275 A: No. The thing I read about some of his neighbors said he was always playing,
2276 like, violent video games. Like, I mean, he didn't really, I mean, we played
2277 things like Dune. I don't know if you know Dune.
2278
2279 Q1: Yeah.
2280
2281 A: We played Dune when we were, like, teenagers. But then after that it was,
2282 like, Mario Cart. I - I would be, again, like, if he was -- like, I have a 17-year-
2283 old stepson. I know he plays Call of Duty and all that stuff.
2284
2285 Q: Right.
2286
2287 A: I wouldn't see Jarrod having those games and playing those. Like, the last
2288 time I was at his apartment, which was in fairness, well before he had last
2289 spoken to me.
2290
2291 Q: Mm-hm.
2292
2293 A: Like, I think he had a Super Nintendo. And that was, like, it. And, I mean, an
2294 actual Super Nintendo.
2295

2296 Q: With the little rectangular...
2297
2298 A: Yeah. Like...
2299
2300 Q: ...thing the wire goes in?
2301
2302 A: I mean, I may have given him a Wii. Like, I don't know. We're still talking,
2303 like...
2304
2305 Q: A Wii.
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2307 A: Like, not Call of Duty shoot 'em up type games.
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2309 Q1: When you were talking about his cell phones and not having them -- was there
2310 any other reason and, like, fearful of being watched-type reason or just he
2311 didn't have any interest in cell phones.
2312
2313 A: I mean, he never said anything like that. I mean, that was - and it wasn't like a
2314 new thing for him.
2315
2316 Q1: Never.
2317
2318 A: He, not once in his life had a cell phone. Like, um, I know it's bizarre. And
2319 this is just those things. It's like, he just, uh, I don't know. He thought it was
2320 stupid to carry around a cell phone to just be accessible all the time. He
2321 thought that was stupid. Like, leave me a message and I'll call you back.
2322
2323 Q: Okay. All right. What I'm going to do is I'm gonna play this.
2324
2325 A: Okay.
2326
2327 Q: Um, it's - it's -- just tell me if you - it's a 9-1-1 call. I'll tell you that. And just
2328 tell me if you recognize anything at all in the call. Okay?
2329
2330 A: Mm-hm.
2331
2332 Q: Go ahead. Okay. Oh, I should - see it wasn't my computer's fault. Let's try
2333 this again. Okay.
2334
2335 ((RECORDING))
2336
2337 Q2: 911. What is the address of your emergency?
2338
2339 A2: I'm your shooter. The shooting is over. I surrender.
2340

2341 Q2: Okay. Where are you so I can send the police to you?
2342
2343 A2: I'm at 8-8-8 Bestgate Drive. (unintelligible) I'm not armed.
2344
2345 Q2: Repeat the address so I'm sure I have it correct.
2346
2347 A2: 8-8-8 Bestgate Drive.
2348
2349 Q2: What's the name of the street?
2350
2351 A2: Bestgate Drive.
2352
2353 Q2: How do you spell that street?
2354
2355 A2: Bestgate -- B-E-S-T-G-A-T-E.
2356
2357 Q2: Okay. That's not a good street. What city? Is that (unintelligible)?
2358
2359 A2: Annapolis.
2360
2361 Q2: Okay. Where are you calling from now? I'm showing that you're calling from
2362 (unintelligible).
2363
2364 A2: I'm using the phone here in the office.
2365
2366 Q2: Where are you using the phone at?
2367
2368 ((END RECORDING))
2369
2370 Q: Then the line just disconnects. Do you recognize anything in that call?
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2372 A: That him.
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2374 Q: That's him? Okay. And when you say him you're referring to Jarrod?
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2376 A: Jarrod.
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2378 Q: Okay. And I...
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2380 A: It's weird because...
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2382 Q: I didn't mean to upset you.
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2384 A: No - no that's -- it's weird. That's the first I've heard his voice in like...
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2386 Q: Okay.
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2388 A: You know, at first it didn't really sound like him.
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2390 Q: Mm.
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2392 A: Um, you know, with those first couple of seconds I didn't really recognize
2393 him until he said, um, I don't know. I think when he said I'm unarmed. That
2394 sounded like him.
2395
2396 Q: Okay. So, um, and no one - no one knows about this call. Okay? You're
2397 actually probably the first - you are the first not law enforcement that has
2398 heard this. Um, so, w-we're trying to piece together and there's one other
2399 thing I need to show you. Again, I don't mean to upset you.
2400
2401 A: Yeah - yeah.
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2403 Q: Okay. So, a-and I'll get to why in just a second. And maybe you can help us.
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2405 A: No, that's okay.
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2407 Q: I'm going to show you a photo. And just tell me if you recognize anything in
2408 this photo. Okay?
2409
2410 A: Yeah. That's Jarrod.
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2412 Q: That's Jarrod? Okay. And, again, you're the first non-law enforcement that
2413 has seen that. That was captured by still image inside the Capital. Okay? Um,
2414 so, Jarrod is not - by all accounts what you've said and - and our limited
2415 contact with him is not an unintelligent person. He seems to be very
2416 intelligent.
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2418 A: Mm-hm.
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2420 Q: Here's what we're trying to figure out. So, Agent Brown and another detective
2421 spent hours with him trying to find out what caused this 'cause it's not an
2422 issue of who. It's an issue of why at this point. What caused this to go from
2423 here to here? And he just wouldn't talk to them. But at the same time, he calls
2424 911 to surrender. He knows he's on video. Right? And it's very good video.
2425 On top of he then turns around and sends the letters telling everyone it's me.
2426 Why do you think he would not tell us? Like, this is your time to tell us how
2427 we got here. Do you think there's - I mean, what do you think?
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2429 A: Probably because he thinks he understands the legal process, you know. And
2430 he probably just thinks that it's better for him if he just doesn't say anything to

2431 anyone - law enforcement or anything.
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2433 Q: But then write a letter though and send it to three - four people?
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2435 A: So, I'm sorry.
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2437 Q: That's okay. You want me to take that away from you? I don't want...
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2439 A: No. It makes me kind of curious because...
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2441 Q: Okay.
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2443 A: You know, I saw a video of him walking out and I was like, oh, that's his
2444 hiking pants and his hiking shoes, and, um...
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2446 Q: Mm-hm. How do you know - does - is that the type...
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2448 A: That's all he wears.
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2450 Q: That's all he wears. So, is this an outfit you've ever seen him in before?
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2452 A: I mean, I don't know about that exactly.
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2454 Q: Right.
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2456 A: Yeah. I just - the whole thing just feels unreal, like, you know, like, when
2457 someone has a problem and, like...
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2459 Q: So, you think him going into this he woulda spent a lot of time preparing for
2460 this? Or do you think he just said one day I'm doing it?
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2462 A: I mean, um, I wouldn't see him being the kind of person that would just wake
2463 up one day and do it. Um, you know, and like I say - he - this whole thing just
2464 became his life.
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2466 Q: Okay.
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2468 A: So, I mean, if I had to guess why he would call it's 'cause he didn't want to
2469 get hurt.
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2471 Q: Okay.
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2473 A: Because he was always afraid of getting hurt.
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2475 Q: Okay.

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2477 A: You know? And...

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2479 Q: And that's very important to what they need to know of what, like, of how the
2480 mind works. And that's - and that's why, you know, one of the reasons we're -
2481 we're - we're letting you hear that and we're letting you see this. Um,
2482 obviously I took part of that out of here. I mean, he's holding something. I did
2483 my best to do what I could to crop that out. But, um, you know, he - like I said
2484 - the video, I mean, he's not unintelligent. He's a very smart guy. He's got -
2485 there's another great video in there on top of calling 9-1-1 - on top of sending
2486 the letters prior to this happening.

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2488 A: Yeah.

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2490 Q: Um, so, it's not an issue of they're gonna figure out who this is.

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2492 A: Yeah.

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2494 Q: But - and again - it's interesting you said you think that the reason he didn't
2495 talk to them is 'cause he doesn't want to implicate himself.

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2497 A: Well I think he just, I - I mean, here's the really tough thing. Like, I felt like I
2498 understood him. And I never would have actually seen him doing that - not in
2499 a million years. Like...

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2501 Q: Not for a second do I think that...

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2503 A: I mean...

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2505 Q: Yeah - yeah.

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2507 A: In 2012 I even - like, he got me being a defendant for him to speak about his
2508 violent - if he was violent or not. And, um, so, really quite - it makes me
2509 question, like, what I thought I knew about him, you know. But...

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2511 Q1: People let you see what they want you to see too.

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2513 A: I mean, there's something wrong with him, you know. Like, this doesn't just
2514 happen. And - and here's what I can tell you. Like, when the newspaper
2515 article was published - and this is how I knew it was him on the day of. I'm
2516 sure you've read the article in the newspaper. Well there's one line - one real
2517 line that really stands out - stood out to him. And it was the fuck you, leave
2518 me alone line. And - and this is the thing that, like, it's just, like - so, he said at
2519 the time that, uh, that line the thing that (Laurie) said to Eric Hartley - he said
2520 that that never happened. That he never once said that. And that that line made

2521 him look crazy in the newspaper. And that when that newspaper article was
2522 published it was just - it was wrong because it was floss and it was -- as he
2523 thought -- bad reporting and everything. And what he said happened was that
2524 when (Laurie) filed the charges, she said that in those papers - in the charges.
2525 This is what he says.

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2527 Q: Mm-hm.

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2529 A: Or said. So, when (Laurie) filed those charges that, uh, that she said that in
2530 there. And he -- according to him, this was never discussed in court. And that
2531 - that was just nothing that was ever brought up. So, when Eric Hartley wrote
2532 the story he said that was wrong. That was a lie. Like, I mean, he told me,
2533 like, yes, you know, I did this. And I'm sure you've seen the thing where he
2534 said, like, I did a bad thing. But, like, this is not true. Like, this part -- I'm not
2535 crazy like that. No. And he just couldn't let that go. He just couldn't let it go.
2536 And, uh, like, to him, you know, I've had conversations with him about it.
2537 Like, why can't you just stop - just let the paper - it'll go away and - and it'll
2538 be done.

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2540 Q: Mm-hm.

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2542 A: But, like - like I said, this thing just had taken over his whole life. And I mean,
2543 when I - I was at work when I saw the news about the shooting. And, like,
2544 first thing I did was I sent an e-mail to my husband. And I was like, I'm
2545 scared that this was Jarrod. Just because it was the Capital. And then I got
2546 home and I pulled up his Twitter page. And I saw all the fucking
2547 (unintelligible). And I knew exactly what he was doing. Because that was the
2548 thing from day one that he said...

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2550 Q: It didn't happen.

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2552 A: And at the appeals they said that, you know, I don't know what actually
2553 happened at the appeals. I just read the - the opinion 'cause he never told me
2554 about it. But...

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2556 Q: So, of all the - the - the newspaper stuff - the thing that upset him the most
2557 was that one thing that he says that did not happen.

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2559 A: Yeah.

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2561 Q: But everything else to you he owned? He said, yeah, I did a bad thing.

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2563 A: I think so. I mean, I think he said that. I mean, yeah he pled.

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2565 Q: Okay.

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2567 A: Like, I hate to say this but, like, I feel like if that thing in the paper was never
2568 published he never would have done this. Like, it just sent him down this path
2569 of -- I feel like he was just going to leave (Laurie) alone and he was just going
2570 to go on with his life. Because he still cared about things, you know.
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2572 Q: Yeah. And one thing I want -- I know your dad and you guys are upset.
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2574 A: Yeah.
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2576 Q: There's -- I don't want you guys to think, well, if we could - and you're going
2577 to. I don't want - try not to get into that mode of, well, if we would have done
2578 this - this wouldn't have happened. If we'd done that - this wouldn't have
2579 happened.
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2581 A: Yeah.
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2583 Q: At the end of the day you guys did the best you can.
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2585 A: Yeah.
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2587 Q: And at the end of the day -for whatever reason, he made the decision to do
2588 what he did.
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2590 A: Yeah.
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2592 Q: And however it plays out as we move through this -- and I'm gonna say it for
2593 you guys -- it's a nightmare. Right? You know, he's, um, he's -- I don't know
2594 at the end of the day when he goes to court what he's gonna do. Is he gonna
2595 say, you got me. I'm guilty. Is he gonna say, no, I want my day in court? Is he
2596 gonna try to say that he's not competent to stand trial? I don't know. That's a
2597 decision he and his lawyer's gonna make.
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2599 A: Yeah. I have no idea.
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2601 Q: So, um...
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2603 A: But I mean, like...
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2605 Q: Again, I - I apologize. I did not want to...
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2607 A: No - no - no. That's fine.
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2609 Q: ...upset you but it's something that we have to try to figure out.
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2611 A: I mean, when I read that and the fact that he sent letters. I mean - I mean, to
2612 me I feel like he felt like they had stuck their thumb in his eye. And they had
2613 mocked him and made fun of him. And he had had court where the judge was
2614 making fun of him, you know. And, uh, and he lost it. I don't know. He sent
2615 those letters, like, I don't know. The only thing I can assume is that he feels
2616 like he was sticking his thumb in their eye.
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2618 Q: You did this to me so, right back at you.
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2620 A: Yeah.
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2622 Q: Do you have any other questions for us? Again, I appreciate you coming down
2623 here. And, again, I'm sorry this is all going - happening to you guys. But
2624 we're just trying to figure out again how we got from A to where we are now.
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2626 Q1: I do have one question real quick. So, um, he talked about, uh, his allergies.
2627 That's one thing he did talk about. Do you remember growing up and him
2628 struggling with that?
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2630 A: He struggled with his allergies. He talked about his allergies? Um, he got
2631 really weird about his medical stuff, um, before - I think - it was right before
2632 the stuff with (Laurie) happened. And he had, like, a thyroid thing and all this
2633 stuff. And he, uh, he, uh, just got obsessed about it. I mean, he went and got,
2634 like, a full allergy test thing. I mean, it -- I would almost call him a
2635 hypochondriac, like.
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2637 Q1: Okay. But you don't remember it as a kid growing up of him having any
2638 struggles with that or is it later in life?
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2640 A: He -- I mean, I think he did runny noses and stuff from like - he definitely
2641 had, like, plain allergies. I remember when he walked that Appalachian Trail,
2642 he said that, um, that he, uh, like, was - his sinuses just opened up and
2643 everything. But, um, yeah - I thought I was - so he - he always kinda felt like,
2644 um, I remember a conversation I had with him once. I don't remember how
2645 we - we would philosophize about stuff. And we were just talking about, like,
2646 this might have been when I met my now-husband. And we were talking
2647 about how, you know, kids. Like, his responsibility of being a father to his
2648 kids. And it's a responsibility that you have to have. And I think I said
2649 something, like, you know, I think we were talking about how we couldn't
2650 move because, you know, he's got kids and he has to be a responsible father.
2651 And I remember Jarrod said something like, well, he doesn't have to be. And I
2652 was like, okay, Jarrod, well for people that are normal, who, you know, like,
2653 just do the things that they're supposed to do, like, yeah, he has to. And he
2654 was like, well there's a difference between having to do something and just
2655 doing it. So, like, I mean, he's always felt that, like, you're responsible for -

2656 you have to deal with the consequences of your actions. And, like, but if
2657 you're willing to accept whatever those are, like...

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2659 Q: Mm-hm.

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2661 A: It's crazy. I mean, I can't even imagine, like, for -- every time I would go by
2662 his house, which in fairness wasn't a whole lot over that two-and-a-half-year
2663 span. The car was always there. That little black Honda of his was always
2664 there. And, um, I don't know. I can't imagine, like, I - I mean, knowing the
2665 way that he was, I'm really surprised that he wouldn't have a physical
2666 problem, like, seeing what that would do to people. I'm honestly surprised
2667 about that. Like...

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2669 Q: Well, that's one of those things we're trying to figure out. So...

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2671 A: I know.

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2673 Q: And again, I apologize. I didn't...

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2675 A: No, it's okay. Like, I...

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2677 Q: But these are the hard things we have to do. So, what I'm going to do - I'm
2678 going to give you my card. If there's anything that pops up - if you have any
2679 questions - even if you have issues to report. Don't hesitate to give me a call.

2680
2681 A: Yeah. I won't have to call but my parents have.

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2683 Q: All right. Well, and again, you said outside and you're exactly right. It's just
2684 gonna have to come and wait.

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2686 A: Yeah.

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2688 Q: And - and, you know...

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2690 A: So, what can he actually, like, plea in court? When I read that pleading not
2691 guilty is a pretty standard thing.

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2693 Q: Right.

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2695 A: And that...

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2697 Q: So, there's a lot of things that could happen. He could say that I'm guilty - I'm
2698 going to plead guilty. In Maryland the most he could get for this is life without
2699 the possibility of parole. Um, he could say I'm not guilty. Prove it, which
2700 we'd have a trial where a jury or a judge would decide.

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2702 A: That would be pretty ridiculous, like.
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2704 Q: Yeah. Well, then and that will be his choice.
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2706 A: Yeah.
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2708 Q: Or he could say that I'm not mentally fit to stand trial. I mean, he could do a
2709 lot of things. So, I don't know what he's gonna do. I don't - he has his, um, he
2710 has representation by the Public Defenders' office. So, your guess is as good
2711 as mine as far as what he may or may not do. I don't know yet. I mean, we
2712 will know in time. As time moves on they have to - like, timewise they have
2713 to do it.
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2715 A: Yeah.
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2717 Q: But...
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2719 A: So, what is mentally fit - unfit to stand trial actually mean?
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2721 Q: So, if he were to say, look, I'm not mentally competent. What I did I didn't
2722 understand the ramifications of it or whatever.
2723
2724 A: Yeah.
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2726 Q: There would be competency hearings in court where, um, my understanding is
2727 both the defense and the state could introduce evidence to a judge to say, this -
2728 the defense would say he's not competent because of this. The state would say
2729 he is competent because of that. And at the end the judge would decide. And
2730 there'd be, like, mental health professionals that would get involved...
2731
2732 A: Yeah.
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2734 Q: ...and stuff like that. So, um, there'd be, you know, evidence would be put on
2735 to - everyone would get their chance to say this is my argument - this is my
2736 argument. Judge would decide. So, um, but again it's so early in the process
2737 that I don't - I don't know what he's gonna do. He may not know what he's
2738 doing. I don't know. Only he knows what's going on. So...
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2740 A: Yeah. I mean, it's -- I saw the video of him getting walked out. You know, I
2741 could tell from that that it was him. That very stiff kind of -- I don't know.
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2743 Q: Are you talking about the one that's been on the news as of late caught with a
2744 cell phone?
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2746 A: He's got a very distinct walk to him. And I saw it. (unintelligible) and how
2747 calm he seemed doing that. You know, like, he, like, it seemed like he'd just
2748 done nothing. And that call, like, it sounds like he'd just done nothing.

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2750 Q: Okay. So, here's my card.

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2752 A: Thank you. Is there anything that, you know, you want me to...

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2754 Q: If at some point and I know your parents are going through a lot right now.
2755 But if at some point you talk to 'em say, look, the FBI is trying to get more in
2756 tune with what - how we got here. If they're willing to talk at some point just
2757 let me know.

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2759 A: Yeah.

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2761 Q: I'm not going to push them.

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2763 Q1: At some point we may -- after all's said and done -- just chat again.

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2765 A: Yeah. I mean, that would - I can almost 100% guarantee that they're not
2766 gonna want to talk to anybody right now.

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2768 Q: And that's fair.

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2770 A: And I mean, if you have questions for them I can ask them.

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2772 Q: Perfect.

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2774 A: They've been...

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2776 Q: And that's why we don't - I mean, I don't want to go - I'm not gonna do that.
2777 That's why when they're ready - they're ready.

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2779 A: Yeah.

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2781 Q: But if they're never ready - they're never ready.

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2783 ((Crosstalk))

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2785 A: I mean, they're both - they're really afraid of getting wrapped up in trial stuff.
2786 And I mean, I kinda am too, like. I mean, I've got my job and stuff. I mean...

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2788 Q: Well if and again, I'm not the prosecutor. If you were - if they would say,
2789 Michelle, we're gonna need you to testify for the state or if the defense were
2790 to say, Michelle, we need you to testify -- you would have months of heads-up

2791 notice of when it would be. And we'll work through your bosses to make sure
2792 that they know what's going on.
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2794 A: Well, it's not even that. Like, it's where I work, you know. Like, I don't...
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2796 Q: Well, yeah.
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2798 Q1: Yeah.
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2800 Q: Right. I will say this. Um, you said it outside. The news comes and goes. So,
2801 what's hot today is not hot tomorrow. So, just, um, I mean, do the best you
2802 can. If you have any issues or concerns - call me. Whatever you want to do.
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2804 A: Was he - was he wearing any little bracelets on his wrist?
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2806 Q: I can't get into specifics with you.
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2808 A: (Unintelligible) bracelets?
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2810 Q: Um...
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2812 A: I only say that because, like, that was, like - like, he wore those all the time.
2813 They were just like little things from like the '90s.
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2815 Q: So, I can say there were - there were things that he was wearing around his
2816 wrist. Like, I can't get into specifically what. Um, but, yeah.
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2818 A: Yeah. So, like, one of them I gave him. Those little (unintelligible). Another
2819 was from his friend. So...
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2821 Q: All right.
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2823 A: Yeah.
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2825 Q: It sucks.
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2827 A: It seems unreal, like.
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2829 Q: It sucks.
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2831 Q1: 'Cause it's not normal. It's not...
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2833 A: Yeah.
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2835 Q1: ...something that you go through every day.

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2837 A: And I mean, it's different as I knew he was - so like you were talking about,
2838 like, you know, how - how could this have been prevented. And I mean, I
2839 don't know what was going on in the legal side of things. But, like, from -
2840 from my point of view, like, but I don't feel like - I don't question, like, I have
2841 questioned, like, my role in his life because, I mean...

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2843 Q: Right.

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2845 A: ...I bent over backwards to help him to just be happy. And it's like his life just
2846 got harder and harder and harder for him to just be a normal person. And, you
2847 know, like, before or at the start of the legal stuff he would say things like, he
2848 felt like there was something bothering him. And he could just never
2849 understand it. Like, you know, he was going to therapists and, like, I mean he
2850 cut off everybody. And I never thought he would cut me off like that, you
2851 know.

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2853 Q: Mm. You can't blame yourself.

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2855 A: And I don't. That's what I mean, like...

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2857 Q: But as human beings you're going to second guess everything you've done
2858 with him. And that's normal. Try not to do that.

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2860 A: Yeah.

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2862 Q: 'Cause at the end of the day there's only one person who can make the
2863 decision and it's not you. You did everything you could do.

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2865 A: I know. But I just need to, like, the whole -- I don't know what could have
2866 stopped somebody like him from doing something like this, like.

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2868 Q: And there might not be anything.

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2870 A: I mean, I never would have - even if it was an opportunity to report him as
2871 somebody who could have a gun or - or shoot a gun like that. He wouldn't
2872 have been the kind of person, like.

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2874 Q: Well, the federal government allows that gun so I mean, and that's why they
2875 try to go back and they try to figure out, you know, what coulda been the
2876 turning point for someone.

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2878 A: Yeah.

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2880 Q: 'Cause even if they prevent one in the future it's worth it.

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2882 A: Yeah. No, I know and, um, you know, when it gets to that point, like, my
2883 parents might be able to talk to somebody.
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2885 Q: Okay. That's fair. And, again, I'm not - it's whenever they're ready.
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2887 A: I know.
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2889 Q: Okay. So, Michelle I'll walk you out. Um, again, if you have any questions at
2890 all call me anytime. And if your work gives you any grief..
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2892 A: No, they don't. I just mean, like...
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2894 Q: A little gossipy.
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2896 A: Yeah. I've already seen the articles about my dad on the news. And, like, my
2897 stuff is all locked up, so - but my picture was out there.
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2899 Q: I do. You know, it'll pass. It'll be a rage right now but eventually it'll pass.
2900 All right. So, let me walk you out. Thank you for coming in.
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2902 A: Yeah, thank you. I mean...
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2904 Q: I know it sounds like we're getting some nasty weather.
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2906 Q1: Yeah. You need an umbrella? I can walk you out to your car.
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2908 A: No, I can manage.
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2910 Q1: Okay.

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2913 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
2914 transcription.

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